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GREAT POOL OF CAPITAL PLANNED TO BUILD HOMES FOR NEW WORKERS HERE

Ten Million Dollar Scheme is Being Evolved Through Gathering of Prominent Citizens Who Have Taken Up Bridgeport's Great Problem of Providing Workingmen With Homes

Housing Committee of Chamber of Commerce Will Be the Medium Through Which Further Steps Will Be Taken—Plan is to Make Bridgeport So Attractive Skilled Labor Will Stay Here.

The necessity of housing to retain the prestige of local factories subsequent to the European war, thus to make Bridgeport the greatest skilled labor center of the United States and to permit of enlarged industrial scope of present manufactures here has caused one of the largest combinations of capitalists ever banded together here for civic welfare.

As a result of organized stimulation of public sentiment, through the medium of the press and professional "boosters," a movement is now on foot to concentrate the various individual manufacturing, civic, banking, amusement and housing forces of the city with a view to erecting nearly \$20,000,000 worth of houses either in this city or in some community adjacent to Bridgeport.

The initial work of securing subscriptions for the propaganda that has lately stimulated public interest was carried on through the medium of a group of industrial, social, business and banking men of this city who are satisfied that no one organization in the city is capable of bringing that public interest to a scheme that would involve the gathering of such an enormous capital as is believed to be required.

The stimulus is said to have interested nearly every large manufacturer and many business men in this city with the result that a committee has been formed for the purpose of studying the economic situation and eventually pursue the campaign through the Chamber of Commerce of this city.

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SISTER, EXPERT IN DRUGS, CALLED FROM HOSPITAL

St. Vincent's Hospital Pharmacist Assigned to Baltimore College.

After several years at St. Vincent's hospital, during which she distinguished herself by the excellence of her work, Sister Helena, the hospital pharmacist, has been called to St. Joseph's College, Baltimore. She left her post here Sunday for the new position.

The loss of Sister Helena is felt not only by the hospital executives and attaches, but by physicians and surgeons of the city, who found her aid invaluable. Sister Helena was the only registered pharmacist in a community hospital, in Connecticut, and she was one of the few registered women pharmacists connected with hospitals. She passed the Connecticut pharmacy examinations with an exceptionally high mark.

Sister Helena had charge of the X-ray department at the hospital, besides the pharmacy and her work there was very efficient. So indispensable had she become that it is likely a strong effort will be made to have her reassigned to St. Vincent's. It is known that many members of the medical profession will urge her return.

Ridgefield Banker Loses In Suit For Insurance Benefits

Samuel Keeler, the Ridgefield banker who was the victim of several of C. H. H. King's financial transactions, has lost a suit brought against him by the Plum Trees Life Co. of Bethel. Judge Scott in the common pleas court today handed down a decision awarding the plaintiff company \$319.27.

The company went out of business a short time ago, having as one of its assets a lease on valuable lots in Bethel. The lease was held at one time by Keeler but was taken over by the company. It was alleged that the company insured the property for \$1,200 but through a mistake Keeler was named as beneficiary. After the plant was burned in 1914, the insurance companies paid the money to Keeler. The suit was brought to recover this money from Keeler.

INITE BRIDGE REPAIR BIDS
Bids for repairs to Yellow Mill bridge will be accepted by the board of contract and supply until noon tomorrow. There is an appropriation of \$5,000 for the repairs.

THE WEATHER

Connecticut: Rain tonight and Thursday, increasing east winds.

DESTROYER IS LOST IN COLLISION

French Warship Fantassin Goes Down, But Crew is Saved—German Destroyer is Reported Sunk By a Mine.

Unidentified Warship, of Huge Size, is Wrecked off Danish Coast—Germans Repulsed in New Drive.

London, June 7.—The French destroyer Fantassin has been sunk in a collision. Her crew was rescued.

The Fantassin was built in 1909. She was 213 feet long and displaced 446 tons. She was armed with six 9-pounders and three torpedo tubes.

German Boat Mined.

Amsterdam, June 7.—The Telegram says that a German destroyer struck a mine and went down off Zeebrugge on May 31.

Big Warship Wrecked?

London, June 7.—A Central News despatch from Copenhagen says that the Swedish steamer Vanda passed the wreck of a gigantic warship on Saturday, the nationality of which it was unable to ascertain. Hundreds of bodies were floating around the wreck and for three hours the Vanda steamed among dead sailors. Near the destroyer was encountered the wreck of a big sailing vessel, apparently an innocent victim of the Jutland battle, was sighted.

Germans in New Drive

Paris, June 7.—Repulse of a powerful attack on Fort Vaux, on the Verdun line, with heavy losses to the attackers, is announced in an official statement issued by the war office today. Violent bombardment of the fort is still being carried on by the Germans.

The attack on Fort Vaux started at 8 o'clock last night and was prominently checked by the fire of the French machine guns. It is announced that the Germans retreated in disorder, abandoning many dead. At Hill No. 84 an artillery duel is in progress and also at the Caurettes Wood. Two German patrols, which tried to cross the River Aisne west of Soissons, were dispersed.

MRS. WARD WILL NOT GET SHARE OF TRUST FUND

Judge Miller Rules in Favor of Decedent's Nephew in New Haven.

According to a finding made by Judge Paul L. Miller in the probate court today the widow of Harry Crosswell Ward will not be entitled to any share of the \$40,000 trust fund which his mother left. The fund, which is invested in stocks and securities, goes according to the ruling of Judge Miller to Brownlee Robertson Ward.

A fine point of law is raised in the decision of Judge Miller and Mrs. Ward is said to be preparing to make an appeal and contest the decision. Judge A. Heaton Robertson, formerly candidate for governor on the Democratic ticket, is counsel for Brownlee Robertson Ward. The latter is the son of George Augustus Ward, deceased.

Lutinda J. Ward died in Bridgeport, leaving three sons, Harry Crosswell Ward, Edward Trumbull Ward and Charles Samuel Ward. She left the life use of the income of \$40,000 to her sons with a provision that Charles Samuel Ward might distribute it at his death among his descendants or the descendants of his brothers. Both Charles and Samuel and Edward Trumbull died without heirs and Charles Samuel made no distribution of the estate. Harry Crosswell Ward, who lived at 539 Huntington road, but who died in Bermuda last March, had the life use of the entire income from the trust fund after the death of his husband.

The present claimant of the fund, who is benefited by the award of Judge Miller, is the son of a brother who died before the trust was made. Judge Miller holds that the widow Harry Crosswell Ward is not an heir to any part of the fund but would share in the estate if there were no other heirs. He has instructed Joseph E. Morse of New Haven, trustee of the fund, to turn it over to Brownlee Robertson Ward.

FORAKAS ESTATE.

Application for papers of administration on the estate of Mary Parakas was made in the probate court today by Joseph, her husband. Besides the husband the heirs are Julius, Anne and Clara Parakas their children, and John Vincent and Mary Buyanski, of Cleveland, O., children by a former husband.

Application for administration was also made by Frederick Bradley, husband of Martha H. Bradley. The heirs are their children, Aubrey W. Neil and Eugene B. Bradley, the latter of Orlando, Fla.

COLONEL TO LEAD THIRD PARTY AGAIN IF HUGHES IS REPUBLICANS' CHOICE

RADICAL BULL MOOSERS FOILED IN ATTEMPT TO BRING CONVENTION ROW

Chicago, June 7.—Radicals in the Progressive party started an insurgent movement against the selection of Walter Brown, of Ohio, as temporary chairman, shortly before the national convention opened in the Auditorium this noon.

The radicals' plan was squelched, however, by Gov. Hiram Johnson, of California. It was the intention of the radicals to nominate Johnson against Brown, but when he heard of the move the California executive declined "to be a party to discord."

A tentative draft of the Progressive platform formed by a committee of leaders today shows that the principal appeal of the party will be made on preparedness with Americanism as the foundation. It discusses preparedness under three heads, "Military," "Of the

Spirit" and "Industrial."

Under the "spirit" comes Americanism and under "industrial preparedness" come the tariff and questions of social and industrial reform. Much of the 1912 platform is omitted from the draft, but there is a general reiteration of its principles.

It will be submitted to the resolutions committee in the regular course of proceedings but it is believed by its framers, will go to the convention if about the same shape drawn.

The convention was late in assembling. Victor Murdock, chairman of the national convention called the convention to order at 12:27 o'clock. There was a vociferous demonstration.

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NICHOLS CONTRACTOR'S MACHINE STRUCK SZABO, CORONER PHELAN LEARNS

William R. Muirhead was the driver of the automobile, which on May 21 struck Frederick Szabo in Stratford and injured him so that he died in the Bridgeport hospital Monday night. Tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock Coroner John J. Phelan will hold an inquest. Muirhead is a carpenter and conducts a general contracting business at 1362 Bembroke street. He lives in Nichols. Mystery surrounded his identity until today.

Mr. Muirhead himself, however, made no effort to hide. After striking Szabo he took him to the Bridgeport hospital. At first it was thought Szabo was not severely injured. His condition, however, became steadily worse until his death occurred, as stated.

Szabo, it appears, was employed with a gang of the Bridgeport Gas Light Co., laying gas pipes to the Westgate club houses, formerly the George O. Lines Columbus farms. He was carrying one end of a pipe and stepped from behind a pile of dirt into the roadway and was struck and

thrown down by the side of the car. Mr. Muirhead took the injured man to the hospital and then returned to Stratford where he reported the facts to Chief A. E. Judson of the fire department. The chief has been deputized by the selectmen to handle such cases. The chief took the information given by Mr. Muirhead but failed to report it to the coroner and refused to give the information to anyone else. The coroner was obliged to apply to the detective department, the driver of the car. The expense of Bridgeport to learn the identity of this will be charged to the county.

By Chief Judson's failure to report to the coroner the latter was prevented taking an ante-mortem statement from Szabo which he is required to get by law.

Szabo lived at 69 Commercial street this city. Besides Mr. Muirhead, John Colombo, foreman of the gang with which Szabo was working, and Victoriano Petruschell, the man who was helping him carry the pipe, have been called as witnesses.

STEEPLECHASE ISLAND WILL BE OPENED THIS SUMMER UNDER ITS OLD NAME OF PLEASURE BEACH

Announcement was made today that Steeplechase Island will be opened this season under the name—Pleasure Beach.

The island will be conducted under the direction of Mrs. Joseph P. Gaynor, 925 Fairfield avenue. Mrs. Gaynor is one of six daughters, heirs of the estate of John H. McMahon, deceased, who now own the island. She has assumed the interests of her sisters in the island.

Mrs. Gaynor said that it was so

late now to undertake the opening of the island that it was doubtful if it would be possible for the island to be as well equipped as an amusement resort this year, as she would wish, but that it is planned to have a large equipment of bathing houses, and provision for dancing and other amusements.

Work will begin tomorrow morning, when carpenters and painters will go to the island.

It is planned to have the island ready at the latest by July 4.

GRAHAME-WHITE IS DIVORCED BY AMERICAN WIFE

London, June 7.—Mrs. Claude Grahame-White, formerly Miss Dorothy Taylor, of New York, today granted a divorce from her husband, the aviator.

VACATE SANFORD BUILDING.

Few firms remain in the Sanford building, which is being taken over by the Howland Dry Goods store. Though the tenants have until July 1 in which to move before summary process would be taken, the building is practically deserted today. Among the last to relocate offices is the law firm of Canfield, Beecher & Mara, who moved yesterday into a suite of offices on the third floor of the Security building.

HURLEY HEADS TRADE BOARD.

Washington, June 7.—Members of the federal trade commission decided today to make Commissioner Edward N. Hurley, chairman to succeed Joseph Davies and to adopt the rotation system in the chairmanship employed by the interstate commerce commission.

Supporters of Supreme Court Justice in New York Delegation Get Reliable Information That Roosevelt is Ready to Accept Nomination on Third Ticket if Hughes is Successful in Convention—Oyster Bay Silent, But Roosevelt's Friends Say He Isn't in Favor of Hughes—Temporary Chairman Harding's Speech is Received With Only Perfunctory Applause.

CHICAGO, JUNE 7.—JOHN T. KING OF BRIDGEPORT HAS BEEN ELECTED REPUBLICAN NATIONAL COMMITTEEMAN FROM CONNECTICUT.

HE SUCCEEDS JUDGE W. F. HENNEY, OF HARTFORD.

Chicago, June 7.—New York Republicans supporting Justice Hughes said today that they had been informed from reliable sources that under no circumstances would Col. Roosevelt support Justice Hughes if he were nominated by the Republican convention.

A report that Col. Roosevelt had said in Oyster Bay that he would favor a third party ticket if Hughes were the Republican nominee brought forth the statement from the Hughes men.

Governor Whitman, leader of the Hughes faction of the New York delegates, smiled when he was told of the reported Roosevelt statement. The governor said he knew nothing of reports that the Justice would decline to run if a third ticket was put into the field.

Colonel To Run If Hughes Is Named

Oyster Bay, N. Y., June 7.—While Colonel Roosevelt refrained from making any public statement officially disclosing his real attitude toward the political situation in Chicago, it is well known to his intimates here that he is opposed to the nomination of Justice Hughes and it is their confident belief that if Justice Hughes is nominated Colonel Roosevelt will himself become a candidate.

Col. Roosevelt and one of his secretaries, Walter Hayes, remained a good part of last night at this end of the private telephone wire between Sagamore Hill and the Progressive party headquarters in Chicago. The Colonel said this morning there was no statement he cared to make except to repeat that he was "neither for nor against any candidate."

While the nature of the telephone conversation is not allowed to transpire, Colonel Roosevelt's followers here assert that reports from his lieutenants in Chicago are favorable to the Colonel's candidacy. Only the most trusted of the Colonel's counsel-

lors are permitted to talk over the wire which is guarded by employees of the telephone company all along the line to prevent any possibility of a leak.

Col. Roosevelt, it is well understood, is not at all satisfied with Justice Hughes' so-called "flag speech," which he is said to regard as having no value as disclosing the Justice's attitude toward the issues of the day. In the words of his followers here, the Colonel regards the speech as further "evidence of pussyfooting" in the present crisis in the country's affairs.

Col. Roosevelt, it is known, feels better today in regard to his own chances toward being nominated than at any other time.

HUGHES SUPPORTERS ARE HOPEFUL AS G. O. P. CONVENTION IS STARTED

Chicago, June 7.—When the Republican and Progressive conventions assembled today there was no outward evidence of a marked change in the situation. Overnight conferences among the leaders failed to develop any definite plan on which they could agree on a candidate who would receive the undivided support of both factions but talk of peace was in the air. The proposal to have both conventions appoint conference committees was being discussed on both sides.

The convention leaders themselves were so engrossed in petty details of getting under way, taking care of delegations from the various states and factions that they had little time for further serious discussion of candidates and realized that the consideration of that question had, as yet, merely been a formality.

If there was any change at all in the lineup over night, it showed an increase in the strength of Hughes. For the most part, the figures of managers of favorite sons booms were not changed.

Henry Ford's secretary in Detroit today denied a report that Mr. Ford had notified the Michigan Republican delegation that they should vote for Justice Hughes after they had voted for Ford on the first ballot.

On this the convention day of two nights, bringing together more than 2,000 delegates, there was not a sign of a demonstration or a band parading until an hour before time of assembly. This is partially explained by the probable lack of demonstration which had been one of the unique features of this convention period. As the hour of assembling approached, the bands and the delegates started moving toward the convention halls. They were a sorry rain-soaked and bedraggled looking lot as they marched in.

The rain which began yesterday noon continued over night and this morning.

Policemen were at their stations early as were physicians and nurses assigned for emergency purposes. The police were particularly alert for enterprising but ticketless persons who might attempt to gain entrance through windows and coal chutes. Such exploits have been attempted here before at national conventions but none was reported today.

Early today there was considerable talk among both Republican and Progressive leaders of peace plans. Although it was said that nothing different had been decided upon.

Both sides seemed desirous of bringing about harmony if possible. The plan is said to be to have both conventions appoint a harmony conference committee as soon as practicable.

It was pointed out that this plan would be more satisfactory than having the negotiations continue as they have thus far, without definite authority on the part of the delegates. The first suggestion made was for the national committees of both parties to name a conference committee but Chairman Hillies expressed the opinion that it would be better to have both conventions act on the subject.

Among Progressive leaders the plan most favored, according to Walter Brown of Ohio, was a motion for a peace committee formally offered to the convention by George W. Perkins, the floor leader, placing the whole matter in the hands of the committee. The appointment of such a committee, it was pointed out, would merely be conforming to the analogy proposition made by the Progressive national committee last winter.

The rain was falling on ticket-holders waiting at various entrances when, an hour and a half ahead of the moment set for the convention to come to order the doors were opened. A band placed in a hanging balcony under the eaves of the north end of the building began to play. Chief of Police Healy and his assistants made a final inspection of the vast structure and reported "all well," to Sergeant-at-Arms Stone.

Twenty minutes before the hour set for the convention to be called to order, great reaches of vacant seats marked the floor and galleries. As the band played, the police tried to make the delegates crowding the aisles take their seats.

The favorite sons delegations, placed directly before the speaker's platform, began on the right with Michigan, Missouri, Illinois, Ohio, New York, Pennsylvania and Iowa. The seats were filled.

The order was given to clear the aisles at 10:59 and the police began moving out all who were not delegates and forcing the delegates to their sections.

Sergeant-at-Arms Stone asked the delegates to be seated, his voice being carried above the noise of conversation and cries of his assistants on the floor.

Temporary Chairman Harding ascended the platform amid applause and was introduced at 11:50 a. m.

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